



**File Code:** 2430

**Date:** April 13, 2012

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, OR 97701, no later than 11:00 AM local time on May 15, 2012, for the Bind-EXF Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in Section 31 and 32, T.20S., R.9E.; Sections 5 and 6, T.21S., R.9E.; Surveyed, WM, Deschutes County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13T will be used. The termination date for this contract is 03/31/2014.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of three (3) mandatory service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Deschutes National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor. In addition, the Forest Service and successful offeror may agree to add an Optional Project which consists of 8 separate areas containing approximately 69 trees (approximately 35 CCF) to be cut, skidded, and removed. These trees have not been Marked or cruised prior to advertisement. Actual volume and value determinations will be agreed to prior to authorization of this project.

Project#	Mandatory or Optional (M or O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Treatment of undesirable trees, brush, and slash	Acres	733 acres
002	M	Subsoiling of landings, skid trails, temporary roads, and miscellaneous areas.	Acres	37 acres
003	M	Delayed cutting, skidding, and removal of approximately 30 trees within 11 group openings in Payment unit 21	Each	11 plots
004	O	Cut, skid, and remove approximately 69 trees within 8 ITM study plots	Each	8 plots

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 23,502 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential offerors to make their own inspection and estimation prior to offer submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:



**Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure**

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Ave. DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
<b>Ponderosa pine</b>	<b>Saw-timber</b>	<b>CCF</b>	<b>16,808</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>85.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>White fir and Other Conif. species</b>	<b>Saw-timber</b>	<b>CCF</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>67.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Required Removal at Fixed Rates								
<b>All species</b>	<b>Grn Bio Cv</b>	<b>CCF</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>N/A</b>
							<b>\$15,511.32</b>	<b>N/A</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CCF</b>	<b>23,502</b>				

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$1,795,083.60 (for biddable species.).

A bid guarantee is not required. A performance bond is required.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, OR 97701, phone 541-383-5590 or Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, phone 541-383-4770, or go to the forests' webpage at "http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/centraloregon/timbersales"

Sincerely,



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Contracting Officer